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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Pfaffman et al.  
For : IMPROVED METHOD OF FORMING A  
TUBULAR BLANK INTO A  
STRUCTURAL COMPONENT AND  
DIE THEREFOR  
Serial No. : 10/659,403  
Filed : September 10, 2003  
Group Art Unit : 1742  
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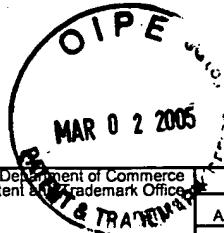
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